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SUBJ: NEW MOROCCAN AMBASSADOR TO PRAGUE AND WARSAW: BIO DATA

REF: PRAGUE'S A-71, 1975

1. ABDELAZIZ BENNANI, NEW GOM AMBASSADOR TO POLAND AND CZECHOSLOVAKIAQN WAS BORN ON JULY 16, 1918. UNLIKE MANY OF HIS COLLEAGUES, HE WAS EDUCATED COMPLETELY IN MOROCCO. IN EARLY DAYS OF MOROCCAN INDEPENDENCE, BENNANI LEFT PRIVATE BUSINESS TO BECOME CHIEF OF CABINET IN MINISTRY OF COMMERCE, TOURISM AND MERCHANT MARINE, AND THEN JOINED FOREIGN MINISTRY AS ECONOMIC COUNSELOR IN ROME IN 1960. IN MAY 1962 HE BECAME COUNSELOR OF EMBASSY IN BRUSSELS AND FIRST COUNSELOR IN BONN IN 1966. FROM 1960 TO 1970 HE PARTICIPATED IN NEGOTIATION OF NUMEROUS COMMERCIAL ACCORDS AND LED GOM DELEGATION TO THE INTERNAL SUGAR CONFERENCE IN GENEVA IN 1961. BENNANI WAS AMBASSADOR TO IVORY COAST FROM JANUARY 1968 TO JANUARY 1971 WHEN NAMED DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL COOPERATION IN FOREIGN MINISTRY. HE WAS AMBASSADOR TO ZAIRE FROM APRIL 72 UNTIL NOW.

2. PERSONAL DATA: WHILE WORKING IN FOREIGN MINISTRY, BENNANI HAD EXTENSIVE CONTACT WITH EMBASSY AND AID OFFICERS, WHO FOUND HIM AN AGREEABLE BUT NOT VERY IMPRESSIVE PERSON. AT THE TIME, HE HAD A REPUTATION OF LEAVING ALL HIS WORK TO HIS  
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STAFF, WHO REPORTEDLY DISLIKED HIM INTENSLY. BENNANI WAS

APPARENTLY VERY UNHAPPY WITH HIS ZAIRE ASSIGNMENT, SUPPOSEDLY  
BECAUSE HE FELT HE  
DESERVED A BETTER POST. HE SPEAKS FLUENT  
FRENCH BUT LITTLE OR NO ENGLISH. HE IS MARRIED.  
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